

REMARKS

In response to the Communication dated August 24, 2006, Applicant herewith submits an amendment. In the amendment, claim 65 is cancelled without prejudice and claims 11, 13, 17, 66 and 67 are amended. New claims 74-84 are added.

As the communication only objected to new claim 84, the instant amendment herewith submits a revised new claim 84. This claim recites a mower head comprising a deck comprising at least four sides and including a front side, at least one cutting blade rotatably mounted to the deck and a guard assembly. The guard assembly comprises a hinge extending at an angle between the front side and an adjacent side of the deck and a guard pivotably attached to the deck via the hinge. The guard forms a first corner of the deck, the guard being selectively pivotable to a position above a plane of the deck. The deck comprises a second front corner which is non-movable in relation to the deck. The second front corner is defined by the front side and an adjacent side of the deck.

It is respectfully submitted that this claim is certainly allowable in view of the Board decision and therefore should be entered. More particularly, claim 84 contains limitations which are recited in one or more of the allowed independent claims.

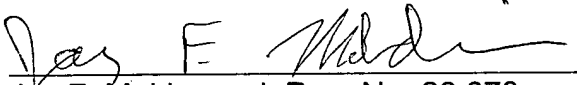
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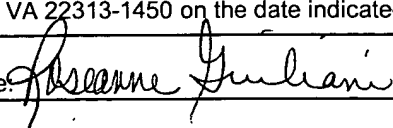
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that a Notice of Allowance should now be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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